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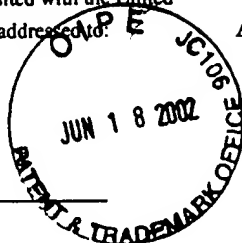
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In re application of:

Toyohiro Sawada *et al.*

Application No.: 09/834,414

Filed: April 12, 2001

For: DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM FOR  
AVERTING PHARMACOKINETIC  
DRUG INTERACTION AND METHOD  
THEREOF

Examiner: George, Konata M.

Art Unit: 1616

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application and presented for examination. The pending claims are set forth in the Appendix for the Examiner's convenience. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.